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SUBJECT: GVN COMMISSION FOR INFORMATION EXPLANATORY BOOKLET ON
PARIS JOINT COMMUNIQUE

REFERENCE: A) SAIGON 10795 B) SAIGON 10627

1. GVN COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL INFORMATION CIRCULATED PM JUNE 15 A 25- PAGE BOOKLET IN VIETNAMESE TITLED " THE PARIS JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT." SUMMARIES OF THE BOOKLET' S MAIN POINTS APPEARED IN SAIGON PRESS HITTING STREETS MID- AFTERNOON JUNE 15 (REF A). BOOKLET IS GUIDE TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING RESTATEMENT OF GVN POSITION SET FORTH AT LENGTH IN FONMIN LAM' S JUNE 14 PRESS CONFERENCE (REF B) AND IN STATEMENTS FROM GVN OFFICIALS IN PARIS, AND AS EXPOUNDED OVER SAIGON RADIO AND TV JUNE 14 AND 15.

2. AT ONE POINT BOOKLET DOES ERRONEOUSLY PROCLAIMS THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOT ONLY REQUIRES CESSATION OF INFILTRATION FROM THE NORTH BUT ALSO " WITHDRAWAL TO THE NORTH OF ALL THE INFILTRATED ELEMENTS". BOOKLET ALSO FUMBLES TIME FRAME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NCNRC, STATING THAT COUNCIL MUST BE FORMED WITHIN
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45 DAYS INSTEAD OF " AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." OTHERWISE, BOOKLET HEWS CLOSE ENOUGH TO TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, BUT NATURALLY ENOUGH WITH POLEMICAL ANTI- COMMUNIST FLAVOR.

3. MAIN THRUST OF BOOKLET IS ASSERTION THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS RESULT OF US/ RVN PRESSURE TO FORCE COMMUNIST TO ADHERE TO SPIRIT AND LETTER OF PARIS AGREEMENT. COMMUNIQUE IS DESCRIBED AS AN " ENUMERATION" OF MEASURES TO " FORCE" COMMUNIST COMPLIANCE. BOOKLET RECITES COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE AND FRUSTRATION OF PEACE- KEEPING MECHANISM, ESPECIALLY ICCS. IT BOASTS THAT INFILTRATION FROM THE NORTH MUST NOW CEASE. JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS NOT A NEW AGREEMENT, THE BOOKLET INSISTS.

4. THE BOOKLET STRIKES A SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE TONE IN SOME PORTIONS, I. E., ASSERTION THAT COMMUNIQUE IS NOT THE BILATERAL WORK OF US AND DRV; STRESS ON FACT THAT RVN AND PRG SIGNED ON DIFFERENT PAGES; AND STRIDENT STATEMENT OF " NOTHING NEW." HOWEVER, WITH EXCEPTION OF FALSE CLAIMS IN PARA 2 ABOVE WE SEE NOTHING WHICH STANDS IN CLEAR CONTRADICTION TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

5. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT BUTTERFIELD IS FILING STORY HIGHLIGHTING ALLEGED DISTORTION OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN GVN BOOKLET.
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